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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the forty-seventh regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes I, II, IV-VIII). Although some of these provisions have already been implemented, many of them have not yet been or have been only partly implemented. Some of them have acquired an increasing importance in view of the efforts being undertaken in the process of renewal and reform of the Organization.

3. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure, in particular to those provisions reproduced below under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the General Committee's attention rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as General Assembly decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI, paras. 1 and 2), Assembly resolution 39/88 B (ibid., annex VII, para. 4) and the annex to resolution 45/45 (ibid., annex VIII, para. 3) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

B. Rationalization of work

5. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, whereby the Assembly decided that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

6. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the measures he has undertaken in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform, in particular to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, as reflected in his progress reports on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234, A/43/286, A/44/222) as well as a supplementary report submitted to the forty-fifth session of the Assembly (A/45/226). The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 on the revitalization of the United Nations Secretariat and resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields.

7. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII) which reads as follows:

> "5. The General Committee should consider, at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, recommending that certain Main Committees should meet in sequential order, taking into account such matters as the number of meetings required for the consideration of the questions with which they are charged at that session, the organization of the work of the whole session and the problem of participation of smaller delegations."

In this connection, the Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that, as at recent sessions, the holding of concurrent meetings of the Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee should be avoided, to the extent possible and with the necessary flexibility, during the forty-seventh session.

8. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime continue to be in effect. Therefore, the Committee may wish to remind Member States that, as a result of these curtailments, the Secretariat will not be able to provide all the services rendered prior to 1986.

C. Closing date of the session

9. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly should fix a closing date for the forty-seventh session. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the forty-seventh session should recess not later than Friday, 18 December 1992, and close on Monday, 20 September 1993.

D. Schedule of meetings

10. Following the practice since the forty-first session, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-seventh session.

11. In view of the practice at recent sessions, the General Committee may wish to recommend that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that it does not involve any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure which pertain, as well as to the opening of meetings, to the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken.

12. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

E. General debate

13. In accordance with recent practice, the Secretary-General suggests that the general debate should begin on Monday, 21 September, and end on Thursday, 8 October 1992.

14. The Secretary-General also suggests that the list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 23 September, at 6 p.m.

15. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall itself after a speech had been delivered was prohibited.

F. Explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and length of statements

16. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI), which read as follows:

> "6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.
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> "7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in

plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.

"8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

17. The Secretary-General wishes to suggest that, in line with time limits for explanation of vote and right of reply, the General Committee recommend to the General Assembly limiting points of order to five minutes.

18. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee, in connection with the length of statements, may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

G. Records of meetings

19. As at past sessions, verbatim records will continue to be provided, during the forty-seventh session, for the plenary meetings of the Assembly and meetings of the First Committee and summary records will be provided to the General Committee, the Credentials Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (ibid., annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should maintain for the forty-seventh session the practice whereby the Special Political Committee may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof. These transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

"8. Decides that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;

"9. Decides further that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents;"

In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the forty-seventh session.

H. Seating arrangements

20. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Poland. Consequently, the delegation of that country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

I. Concluding statements

21. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

J. Resolutions

22. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

23. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

24. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII).

K. Questions related to the programme budget

25. The Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 153 of the rules of procedure which reads as follows:

> "No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 12 of its decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work."

Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

> "6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

> "Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

26. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

"13. Furthermore:

"(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;

"(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;

"(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary bodies which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;

"(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

27. In connection with subparagraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 quoted above, experience has shown that, depending on the type and complexity of the proposals involving changes in the work-programme and additional expenditures, the preparation of a statement of programme budget implications by the Secretary-General may take a few days. In addition, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee need adequate time to review the programme budget implications of a draft resolution before the latter can be acted on by the Assembly.

28. It is thus desirable that Member States submit proposals involving statements of programme-budget implications sufficiently in advance to avoid the cancellation of meetings and the postponement of consideration of items.

L. Documentation

29. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

30. The Secretary-General feels obliged to emphasize yet again that the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation have not succeeded in decreasing the volume. Indeed the volume of pre-session documentation has consistently increased in recent years, without any

strengthening of resources, thus contributing to serious delays in the issuance of documentation. Given the limited capacity of the documentation processing services, it is essential that documentation requirements be met according to established priorities. Of necessity, pre- and in-session documents must take precedence over meeting records. The translation of summary records, in particular, must be delayed if demand exceeds capacity. Waiving the simultaneous distribution requirement in this case will ensure that some language versions of summary records will appear in a timely manner. The General Committee may wish to examine this question further.

M. Observances and commemorative meetings

31. Observances and commemorative meetings held in plenary meeting have for the most part followed a well-defined pattern. Considering past practice, and allowing for the necessary flexibility, the General Committee may wish to recommend that with the exception of the anniversary of the United Nations, the Assembly adopt the following format for commemorative meetings: statements by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, statements by the chairmen of the five regional groups and by the representative of the host country. The Secretary-General also suggests that consideration be given to limiting each statement to 15 minutes.

32. It is further suggested that observances and commemorative meetings take place, as far as possible, immediately following the general debate. The advantage of such a procedure is that it may facilitate the participation of dignitaries attending the general debate. This procedure would also allow advance planning of the Assembly's work.

N. Special conferences

33. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

> "(b) The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

34. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

O. Meetings of subsidiary organs

35. In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, section I, no subsidiary organ of the Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly, unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to letters dated 27 and 28 August 1992 (A/47/409 and Add.1) in which the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informed the President of the General Assembly that, in view of special circumstances, the Committee had recommended that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the forty-seventh session:

(a) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(b) Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(c) Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

(d) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(e) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(f) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;

(g) Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa;

(h) Special Committee against Apartheid;

(i) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

III. OBSERVATIONS AND PROPOSALS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

36. The provisional agenda of the General Assembly reflects the concern of Member States with a myriad of issues spanning political, economic, social and financial fields. The growing complexity of many global issues and their increasingly interdisciplinary nature pose a challenge to the Organization's ability to respond swiftly.

37. The Assembly is faced with many items that require timely and purposeful consideration, often under stringent deadlines. It is therefore imperative that it continue to improve its operating procedures so as to organize its work effectively and make optimum use of the time available.

38. The following are some observations and proposals that the General Committee may wish to refer to the Assembly for discussion at its current session with a view to adopting measures for their implementation at future sessions.

A. Programme of work of the General Assembly

39. During the past few years, the Assembly has met frequently between January and August. Most recently, during the forty-sixth session, it met every month, with the exception of January and June. These meetings were not envisaged in the calendar of meetings and therefore ad hoc arrangements had to be made to continue to provide adequate Secretariat services at the expense of other requirements. It may be worthwhile for the Assembly to consider whether the rationalization of Assembly meetings between January and August is possible to allow advance planning for delegations and the Secretariat.

B. Main Committees

40. In light of the experience gained in scheduling the work of the Assembly, and making allowances for the required flexibility, the General Committee may wish to examine the possibility of fixing staggered target dates for the completion of work of the Main Committees. This would allow for better planning of meetings and processing of the reports of the Main Committees.

41. The General Committee may wish to undertake a review of the structure and mandates of the Main Committees with a view to making recommendations to the General Assembly on possible improvements in that regard, including merging the mandates of some Committees or changing their responsibilities in the light of the evolving agenda of the General Assembly.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

42. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the forty-seventh session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session (A/47/150);

(b) Supplementary list (A/47/200);

(c) Requests for the inclusion of additional items (A/47/241; A/47/242).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 44 below.

43. Bearing in mind the need to rationalize the General Assembly's procedures, and in view of the large number of items on the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that Member States should examine the agenda with a view to eliminating items which have lost their urgency or relevance, are not ripe for consideration or could be dealt with and even disposed of equally well by subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, and to referring specific items to other United Nations organs or to specialized agencies, taking into account the nature of the question (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, paras. 19 and 22; see also ibid., annex VII, paras. 1 and 2). The Secretary-General wishes also to recall paragraph 4 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII) which reads as follows:

> "4. The agenda of the General Assembly should be simplified by grouping or merging, to the extent possible, related items and, where it is appropriate for discussion of a particular item, by setting an interval of more than a year between the discussions on it. For this purpose, the Chairman of the Main Committee concerned or, as appropriate, the President of the General Assembly should undertake consultations with delegations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work. In particular, the Main Committees should consider:

(a) The grouping of related items under a single heading;

(b) The staggering of items over two or more years.

44. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 42 and 43 above, the draft agenda of the forty-seventh session would consist of the following items: 2/

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Saudi Arabia (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).

2/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/47/150);

(S.): item on the supplementary list (A/47/200);

(A.): additional items (A/47/241, A/47/242).

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

    (a) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

    (b) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

    (c) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

    (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

    (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

    (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

    (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission; 3/

    (g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

    (h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit.

3/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-sixth session (see A/46/PV.82).

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (P.20).

21. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (P.21).

22. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (P.22). 4/

23. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.23).

24. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.25).

26. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (P.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.27).

28. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.28).

29. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.29).

30. Question of Palestine (P.30). 4/

31. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (P.31). 4/

32. Law of the sea (P.32).

33. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.33). 4/

34. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.34).

35. The situation in the Middle East (P.35). 4/

4/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-sixth session (see A/46/PV.79).

36. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.36). 4/

37. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (P.37).

38. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.38).

39. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.39).

40. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.40).

41. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.41).

42. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.42). 4/

43. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.43).

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46. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (P.46). 5/

47. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.47).

48. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (P.48).

5/ This item, which has not been considered by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, remains on the agenda of that session (see A/46/PV.79). Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its forty-sixth session.

49. Reduction of military budgets (P.49).

50. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (P.50).

51. Science and technology for disarmament (P.51).

52. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (P.52).

53. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (P.53).

54. Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (P.54).

55. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.55).

56. Establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (P.56).

57. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.57).

58. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.58).

59. Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa (P.59).

60. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (P.60).

61. General and complete disarmament (P.61):

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

    (c) Conventional disarmament;

    (d) Nuclear disarmament;

    (e) Defensive security concepts and policies;

    (f) Relationship between disarmament and development;

    (g) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(h) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

(i) International arms transfers;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(l) Transparency in armaments;

(m) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale;

(n) Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee.

62. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.62):

(a) World Disarmament Campaign;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) Nuclear-arms freeze;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(e) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

63. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.63):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(f) Disarmament Week;

(g) Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures;

(h) Comprehensive programme of disarmament;

(i) Transfer of high technology with military applications.

64. Israeli nuclear armament (P.64).

65. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.65).

66. Question of Antarctica (P.66).

67. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (P.67).

68. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (P.68).

69. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.69).

70. Science and peace (P.70).

71. Effects of atomic radiation (P.71).

72. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.72).

73. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.73).

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75. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (P.75).

76. Questions relating to information (P.76).

77. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.77).

78. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (P.78).

79. Development and international economic cooperation (P.79):

(a) Trade and development;

(b) Food and agricultural development;

(c) New and renewable sources of energy;

(d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

(e) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait.

80. Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (P.80).

81. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (P.81).

82. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (P.82).

83. External debt crisis and development (P.83).

84. Operational activities for development (P.84):

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Population Fund;

(d) United Nations Children's Fund;

(e) World Food Programme.

85. International cooperation for economic growth and development (P.85):

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.

86. Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (P.86).

87. International conference on the financing of development (P.87).

88. Special economic and disaster relief assistance (P.88): 6/

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator;

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance.

89. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (P.89).

90. Training and research (P.90):

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) United Nations University.

91. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (P.91).

92. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (P.92).

93. Right of peoples to self-determination (P.93).

94. Social development (P.94):

(a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

(b) Crime prevention and criminal justice.

95. Advancement of women (P.95).

96. Narcotic drugs (P.96).

97. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (P.97):

(a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(b) Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

(c) Humanitarian questions.

6/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-sixth session (see A/46/PV.86).

98. Human rights questions (P.98):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives.

99. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.99).

100. Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (P.100). 7/

101. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.101).

102. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.102).

103. Question of East Timor (P.103).

104. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.104):

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

7/ By its decision 46/ of 14 September 1992, the General Assembly decided that the item should read as above.

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.

105. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.105). 3/

106. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (P.106). 4/

107. Programme planning (P.107).

108. Current financial crisis of the United Nations (P.108). 4/

109. Financial emergency of the United Nations (P.109). 4/

110. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.110).

111. Joint Inspection Unit (P.111).

112. Pattern of conferences (P.112).

113. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (P.113).

114. Personnel questions (P.114): 5/

(a) Composition of the Secretariat;

(b) Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

(c) Other personnel questions.

115. United Nations common system (P.115).

116. United Nations pension system (P.116).

117. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.117):

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

118. Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (P.118). 5/

119. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (P.119).

120. Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (P.120). 5/

121. Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (P.121).

122. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (P.122 :

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Other activities.

123. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (P.123). 5/

124. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (P.124).

125. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (P.125). 6/

126. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (P.126). 5/

127. Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States (P.127).

128. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (P.128).

129. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (P.129).

130. United Nations Decade of International Law (P.130).

131. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-fourth session (P.131).

132. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (P.132).

133. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-fifth session (P.133).

134. Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto (P.134).

135. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.135).

136. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.136).

137. Additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (P.137).

138. Protection of the environment in times of armed conflict (P.138).

139. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force (P.139).

140. Observer status for the International Organization for Migration in the General Assembly (P.140).

141. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States (S.1).

142. Coordination of the activities of the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (S.2).

143. Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (S.3).

144. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (A.1).

145. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (resolution 46/242 of 25 August 1992).

146. International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery (A.2).

J. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

45. The allocation of items described in paragraph 59 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years. However, the Secretary-General trusts that delegations will consider allotting items in a manner which will best enhance the effectiveness and the impact of the Assembly's work. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

"4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the relevant paragraphs of resolution 39/88 B and resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

"5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

"6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

46. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

140. Observer status for the International Organization for Migration in the General Assembly (P.140).

141. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States (S.1).

142. Coordination of the activities of the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (S.2).

143. Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (S.3).

144. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (A.1).

146. International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery (A.2).

The sponsors of the requests for the inclusion of these items have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

Item 140 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 141 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 142	Plenary meetings
Item 143	Second Committee
Item 144	First Committee
Item 146	Second Committee

47. In connection with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General proposes that, as in previous years, the various parts of the report should be assigned to the Main Committees in accordance with their respective fields of competence or to plenary meetings, on the understanding that administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation for the various parts of the report: 8/

Chapter I	Matters calling for action by the General Assembly or brought to its attention	Plenary meetings, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
Chapter II	High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council	Second Committee
Chapter III	Coordination segment of the Council	Second Committee
Chapter IV	Operational activities segment of the Council	Second Committee
Chapter V	Other questions considered directly in plenary meeting	
Section A	Technical cooperation among developing countries as a modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of the projects implemented by the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields	Second Committee
Section B	Coordination questions	Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees

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	Section C	Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees
	Section D	Programme and related questions	Fifth Committee
	Section E	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance	Second and Third Committees
	Section F	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Third Committee
	Section G	Establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the Council	Plenary meetings
	Section H	Human rights questions	Third Committee
Chapter VI		Questions considered by the Economic Committee	Second Committee
Chapter VII		Questions considered by the Social Committee	Third Committee
Chapter VIII		Elections and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council, confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions and nominations	Plenary meetings
Chapter IX		Organizational and other matters	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees

48. With regard to item 18 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Fourth Committee, as was done at previous sessions, chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/47/23) relating to specific Territories; this would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

49. In connection with item 33 of the draft agenda (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

50. With regard to item 38 of the draft agenda (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

51. With regard to item 45 of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its forty-second session 9/ the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that it would, when considering the item, invite the Special Political Committee to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Special Political Committee.

52. In connection with item 61 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/47/374), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, deal with the subject-matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 61.

53. With regard to item 94 (a) of the draft agenda (Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 14 of resolution 46/96 of 16 December 1991 whereby the General Assembly, inter alia, decided "to devote four plenary meetings at its forty-seventh session to mark, at the appropriate global level, the conclusion of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons". The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the meetings to mark the conclusion of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons should be held on Monday and Tuesday, 12 and 13 October 1992.

54. Also with regard to item 94 (a) of the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 of resolution 46/91 of 16 December 1991 whereby the General Assembly, inter alia, decided to "devote four plenary meetings, that is, two working days, at its forty-seventh session to an international conference on ageing to consolidate a set of targets on ageing for the year 2001 and to celebrate on an appropriate global scale the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing". The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the meetings to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing should be held on Thursday and Friday, 15 and 16 October 1992.

9/ This item has not been discussed since the thirty-seventh session.

55. In connection with item 95 of the draft agenda (Advancement of women), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads as follows:

> "16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical co-operation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 84 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

56. With regard to item 98 (b) of the draft agenda (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution 46/128 of 17 December 1991 on the International Year for the World's Indigenous People whereby the General Assembly, in paragraph 8 (c), decided "to conduct the opening ceremonies for the Year at its forty-seventh session in 1992". The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the opening ceremonies for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People should be held in plenary meeting on Thursday, 10 December 1992, in the afternoon.

57. With regard to item 107 of the draft agenda (Programme planning), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated, as was done at previous sessions, to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that, in accordance with resolutions 36/228 A of 18 December 1981, 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and 46/189 of 20 December 1991, each programme of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan 10/ should be submitted to the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly for review. In this connection, the views and recommendations of the Main Committees should be submitted to the Fifth Committee before 20 November 1992 so as to enable the Fifth Committee to finalize its recommendations to the plenary on the item. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation of the revised programmes:

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Programmes:	
1 to 6, 37 and 45	Plenary meetings
1, 2 and 7	First Committee
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 35, 36 and 38	Special Political Committee
11 to 24, 30 to 34, 37 and 45	Second Committee
11, 12, 25 to 36	Third Committee
1 and 4	Fourth Committee
39 to 44	Fifth Committee

58. In connection with item 111 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, as was done at previous sessions, that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

59. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 45 to 58 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda, as based on previous practice, would be the following: 11/

11/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see footnote 2.

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Saudi Arabia (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, V (sections C and G), VIII and IX] (P.12). 12/

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

12/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapter I	Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapters V (section C) and IX	Second, Third and Fifth Committees

For further details, see para. 47.

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14). 13/

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

    (a) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

    (b) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

    (c) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17): 14/

    (g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

    (h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18). 15/

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (P.20).

21. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (P.21).

22. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (P.22). 4/

23. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.23).

13/ See para. 52.

14/ For sub-items (a) to (f), see "Fifth Committee", item 26.

15/ See para. 48.

24. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.25).

26. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (P.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.27).

28. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.28).

29. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.29).

30. Question of Palestine (P.30). 4/

31. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (P.31). 4/

32. Law of the sea (P.32).

33. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.33). 16/

34. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.34).

35. The situation in the Middle East (P.35). 4/

36. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.36). 4/

37. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (P.37).

38. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.38). 17/

39. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.39).

40. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.40).

16/ See para. 49. See also footnote 4.

17/ See para. 50.

41. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.41).

42. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.42).

43. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.43).

44. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.44).

45. Question of Cyprus (P.45). 18/

46. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (P.46). 5/

47. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.47).

48. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (P.48).

49. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (resolution 46/242 of 25 August 1992).

50. Programme planning [programmes 1 to 6, 37 and 45] (P.107). 19/

18/ See para. 51. See also footnote 5.

19/ See para. 57.

First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (P.49).

2. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (P.50).

3. Science and technology for disarmament (P.51).

4. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (P.52).

5. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (P.53).

6. Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (P.54).

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.55).

8. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (P.56).

9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.57).

10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.58).

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa (P.59).

12. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (P.60).

13. General and complete disarmament (P.61): 20/

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

    (c) Conventional disarmament;

    (d) Nuclear disarmament;

    (e) Defensive security concepts and policies;

20/ See para. 52.

(f) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(g) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(h) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

(i) International arms transfers;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(l) Transparency in armaments;

(m) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale;

(n) Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee.

14. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.62):

(a) World Disarmament Campaign;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) Nuclear-arms freeze;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(e) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

15. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.63):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(f) Disarmament Week;

(g) Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures;

(h) Comprehensive programme of disarmament;

(i) Transfer of high technology with military applications.

16. Israeli nuclear armament (P.64).

17. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.65).

18. Question of Antarctica (P.66).

19. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (P.67).

20. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (P.68).

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.69).

22. Programme planning [programmes 1, 2 and 7] (P.107). 21/

21/ See para. 57.

Special Political Committee

1. Science and peace (P.70).

2. Effects of atomic radiation (P.71).

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.72).

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.73).

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (P.74).

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (P.75).

7. Questions relating to information (P.76).

8. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.77).

9. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (P.78).

10. Programme planning [programmes, 1, 2, 4 to 6, 8, 35, 36 and 38] (P.107). 22/

22/ See para. 57.

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I to IV, V (sections A to C and E), VI and IX] (P.12). 23/

2. Development and international economic cooperation (P.79):

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) Food and agricultural development;

   (c) New and renewable sources of energy;

   (d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

   (e) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait.

3. Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (P.80).

4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (P.81).

5. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (P.82).

6. External debt crisis and development (P.83).

23/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapter I	Plenary meetings, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter V (section B)	Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(c)	Chapters V (section C) and IX	Plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees
(d)	Chapter V (section E)	Third Committee

For further details, see para. 47.

7. Operational activities for development (P.84): 24/

   (a) Operational activities of the United Nations system;

   (b) United Nations Development Programme;

   (c) United Nations Population Fund;

   (d) United Nations Children's Fund;

   (e) World Food Programme.

8. International cooperation for economic growth and development (P.85):

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

   (b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.

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(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission. 3/

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